

Appln. No. 09/696,095
Amendment dated June 3, 2004
Reply to Office Action of March 9, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The March 9, 2004 Office Action and the Examiner's comments have been carefully considered. In response, claims are cancelled and added, and remarks are set forth below in a sincere effort to place the present application in form for allowance. The amendments are supported by the application as originally filed. Therefore, no new matter is added.

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

In the Office Action, claims 1-39 are rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over USP 5,892,900 (Ginter et al.). In response, claims 1-39 are cancelled and new claims 40-47 are added in a sincere attempt to place the application in form for allowance. Claims 40-47 are supported by the application as originally filed. Therefore, no new matter is added.

USP 5,892,900 (Ginter et al.) disclose a virtual distribution environment distributing contents, such as electronic documents, videos, audios, images, and computer programs using a network.

Ginter et al. disclose a technology wherein a consumer 208 accesses information utility 200 to print, copy or display

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necessary contents. The invention of Ginter et al. is structured so that a consumer 208 uses an electronic appliance 600 and accesses information utility 200 to request contents, and the consumer 208 uses the electronic appliance 600 again and accesses information utility 200 to utilize the requested contents. That is, in Ginter et al. the requesting and the utilizing of the contents are carried out using the same electronic appliance 600 disposed at the same location.

In contrast, in the present claimed invention, a portable terminal connected to the network makes a reservation for printing of information. The reserved printing information corresponds to user identification information transmitted from the portable terminal which is stored. The reserved printing information is printed out by reading the received printing information based on identification information transmitted from the output device connected to the network, and transmitting the printing information to the output device. That is, in the present claimed invention, the device for making a reservation for the printing information and the device for printing out the reserved printing information are different devices disposed at different places.

Therefore, according to the present invention, a user makes a reservation from his own portable terminal for printing desired

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information, accesses one of a plurality of output devices provided in a plurality of different places, transmits identification information from the output device, reads out the reserved printing information based on identification information, and prints out the printing information from the output device. That is, a user has the ability to move and use his own portable terminal at an arbitrary place to make a reservation for printing desired information, and print out the reserved printing information from an output device provided at an arbitrary desired place from one of a plurality of output devices provided in a plurality of different places. Ginter et al. do not disclose, teach or suggest such a structure.

In view of the foregoing, new claims 40-47 are patentable over Ginter et al. under 35 USC 102 as well as 35 USC 103.

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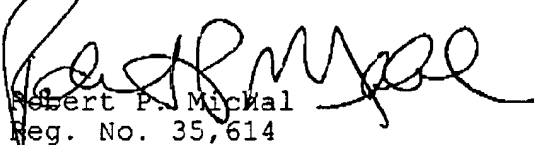
Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to point out where there is support for a contrary view.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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